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SUBJ: 12TH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR NEAR EAST - FIRST
REPORT

REF: STATE 193227

1. SUMMARY: CONFERENCE PROCEEDING SLOWLY ON DEBATE AGENDA ITEMS.
GOOD PARTICIPATION ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. NO SURPRISES IN EITHER
OPENING SPEECHES OR DEBATE THROUGH SEPT 5.

2. CONFERENCE OPENED AT JORDAN UNIVERSITY BY CROWN PRINCE HASSAN
WHO WELCOMED PARTICIPANTS AND WISHED SUCCESS ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES.
SEVENTEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF REGION AND THREE OBSERVER DEL-
EGATION MEMBER COUNTRIES NOT IN REGION IN ATTENDANCE. FIVE UN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND NINE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
HAD OBSERVERS.

3. MR HMOUD, MIN AGR JORDAN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE,
DRAFTING COMMITTEE IRAQ (CHAIRMAN) IRAN, LIBYA, PAKISTAN,
SUDAN AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

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4. SPEAKERS AT INITIAL SESSION INCLUDED BOERMA, CG OF FAO; ASSIZ, ASST. SEC GEN. WFC; AQUINO, EXEC DIR WFP; ATTAR, EXEC. SECRETARY; UN ECWA AND NOUR, FAO REGIONAL REP.

5. BOERMA REMARKS SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS TWO REGIONAL CONFERENCES WITH LOCAL ADAPTATION. INCLUDED THREE BRIEF PARAGRAPHS ON UN SPECIAL SESSION OF GA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM ACTION ON ESTABLISHMENT NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, WHICH APPEARED AS SINGLE PARAGRAPH SUMMARY IN DRAFT REPORT. MAJOR PORTION OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO FAO FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME, PRODUCTION OF PESTICIDES, WORLD FOOD POLICY PLAN OF ACTION, THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, REGIONAL WORK OF FAO, INTEGRATION OF WORK OF HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL OFFICE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FIELD PERFORMANCE. DG ANNOUNCED THIS HIS LAST OPENING ADDRESS TO REGIONAL CONFERENCE.

6. ASSIZ SPEECH ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOLLOWED GENERAL LINES OF THAT MADE BY MARELI AT AFRICAN CONFERENCE BASED ON READING COPY PROVIDED FINDLAN BY PERSON WHO ATTENDED. HOWEVER, LESS ATTENTION GIVEN TO STATUS CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS WITH EMPHASIS INSTEAD TO FOOD SECURITY POLICY INCLUDING FOOD INFO, NATIONAL STOCK POLICY, MEETING EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS AND REORGANIZATION FOOD AID AS CONTINUING FORM OF ASSISTANCE. THREE YEAR FORWARD PLANNING FOOD AID PROGRAM PROPOSED WITH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS TOGETHER PROVIDING 10 MILLION TONS GRAIN ANNUALLY FOR HARD CORE FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS. ASSIZ CITED ONE WFC OBJECTIVE TO BE STABILIZATION OF PRICES AND EXPANSION OF MARKETS FOR PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SUGGESTED THAT FOOD EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD BE PARTLY ASSURED OF OUTLETS FOR THEIR SURPLUS FOOD THROUGH TRIANGULAR DEALS BY USE CASH RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR FOOD AID FOR PURCHASES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. CLOSING PART OF SPEECH REFERRED TO PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE POLICIES FOOD PRODUCTION, FOOD SECURITY AND FOOD AID BUT NOT CREATING NEW SPECIAL AGENCY OF UN.

7. AQUINO REPORTED 35 PERCENT WFP RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN NEAR EAST REGION AND EMERGENCY RELIEF SITUATIONS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT EFFECT OF PRICE RISE FOR COMMODITIES AND TRANSPORT HAS REDUCED PROJECTS TO HIGHEST PRIORITY NEEDS RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. GAVE TRIBUTE TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRIBUTION \$50 MILLION TO WFP. INDICATED INTENTION THIS FIRST TIME IN HISTORY WFP TO USE SUCH CASH TO BUY FOOD FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO HELP SUPPORT PRODUCTION EFFORT THEIR COUNTRIES, HOPING MAKE SOME PART THESE PURCHASES FROM NEAR EAST REGION.

8. ATTAR OUTLINED INITIAL PLANS FOR 8-MONTH OLD FIFTH UN REGIONAL COMMISSION AND STRESSED COLLABORATION BETWEEN ECWA AND FAO IN ALL FIELDS OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN REGION. PRIOR

DG DEPARTURE FOR ROME, BOERMA AND ATTAR SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHING JOINT DIVISION LOCATED AT BEIRUT HEADQUARTERS.

9. SPEECH OF NAOUR COVERED FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SITUATION IN REGION AND ACTION OF REGIONAL OFFICE ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF 11TH CONFERENCE AS OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT. NOUR TOOK THIS OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE CGAIR APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE DRYLAND AREAS IN THE NEAR EAST REGION WITH ASSOCIATE RESEARCH AND OUTREACH CENTERS ATTACHED. HE REPORTED THAT A STEERING COMMITTEE WOULD SOON VISIT REGION TO SECURE ADDITIONAL NEEDED FUNDS HOPEFULLY FROM MORE AFFLUENT COUNTRIES.

10. UNRELATED TO ABOVE, MCKELVY OF ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION ARRIVED AT CONFERENCE DAY AFTER NOUR'S SPEECH IN WHICH HE WAS WELCOMED.

11. EGYPT SUBMITTED TO REGIONAL CONFERENCE AS ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL CHANGE TERM OFFICE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM 5 TO 6 YEARS AND OBTAIN VIEWS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO SELECTION. DISCUSSION POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT CONFERENCE WHILE MATTER REFERRED TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

12. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS PROCEEDING SLOWLY. COUNTRY DELEGATIONS ACTIVE THESE DISCUSSIONS. FIELD TRIP TO JORDAN VALLEY SCHEDULED SEPT 6. SUDDARTH

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